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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

FROM:
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

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SUBJECT: Monthly Report - Okinawa Bureau - February 1987

I. GENERAL

A. On 24 February the Japanese Government decided that enforced leasing of land for military bases will be for 10 rather than 5-year periods, ending the latest round in the battle between anti-defense landlords and the Japanese Defense Facilities Agency. The latter had requested 20-year involuntary leases, which provoked strong opposition from the landlords. Government imposed leasing of land for military bases began in 1972 when Okinawa reverted to Japanese control. Several thousand Okinawan landowners objected to leasing their land to the Japanese Government for military base use. The government imposed the involuntary leases for 5-year periods and anti-war landlords have used this issue to embarrass the government at every opportunity. Most of the anti-war landlords own token plots of land of a few square meters each and most of those are in the middle of the airstrip on Kadena Air Base. The 10-year involuntary leases should put the issue to rest until 1997, by which time the number of anti-defense landowners should dwindle. As far as we can determine, there are no anti-defense landowners on the 30 acres of base land used by the bureau. All our land owners enjoy the double income derived from the rent paid by the Japanese Government and from the sugar cane grown on the land.

B. Water rationing is possible this summer, as levels in reservoirs are at their lowest in 5 years. This February was one of the windiest and coldest in years, but provided few heavy rains, the rainfall total being 89 percent below average.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. We evaluated Beijing's China Central Television Service Second Program 2-8 February, covering both a new economic news program and English-language newscasts six nights weekly. The programs were highly repetitive and contained mostly low-level material. No coverage is planned for this service, which began a regular schedule 1 February.

2. Senior Russian monitor [] advised in February that he intends to retire in March after 40 years of FBIS service and return to England. [] has what may be the earliest Service Computation Date of any active FBIS employee--July 1945, when he began working for U.S. Government offices in Cairo at the close of World War II. He has served at the old FBIS Cairo Bureau, Mediterranean Bureau, Austrian, London and Okinawa bureaus.

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3. Headquarters approvals were received to enter on duty two new Japanese/Korean monitors from Seoul. The two monitors will EOD later in March.

4. We and London Bureau worked out a less-demanding backup coverage arrangement for Beijing's Xinhua English transmission, which often deteriorates because of signal propagation problems in the fall and winter. The new understanding requires London to process only priority and above Xinhua and mandatory PRC leader appearances.

5. Okinawa surveyed newscast schedules of Soviet Far East regional radios after BBC Monitoring Service noted new timings; we advised BBC and MOD of new schedules for Vladivostok, Khabarovsk and Magadan local newscasts. The programs are all recorded at Okinawa and processed by the BBC.

B. Communications

The bureau's newly acquired Nefax Model 23 facsimile machine was installed for 24-hour operations on 20 February. The machine is available by dialing the bureau's commercial number, 098-958-4542. Completion of the bureau's secure communications system upgrade will evidently require software reprogramming to make headers compatible with the ACP-128 format used for Okinawa.

C. Lateral Services

We provided Japanese-language radio recordings requested by a BBC consumer, forwarding them through MOD by USPS/Military Express Mail service; GMMS Bowman expressed thanks for the "prompt response." Bureau Russian monitors offered background comments on whether the USSR had jammed Japan's and South Korea's Russian-language broadcasts to the Soviet Union, to assist U.S. Embassy Seoul; the bureau view was that Tokyo's Russian casts had never been jammed to our knowledge, but that Seoul's may have been.

D. Cruising

1. A round-the-clock ROSET search on 25 and 26 February for Beijing's elusive press facsimile transmission reportedly on the 63 East Intelsat did not discover any promising signals. The search made use of new satellite cruising techniques acquired during staff cruiser [] Bangkok TDY, but did not find a single breakable transmission. We now believe this transmission is carried in high-speed digital form, undecipherable by present bureau facsimile equipment. During the 25-26 February search, Hong Kong Bureau picked up coverage of Beijing TV, using Cable & Wireless recordings.

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2. Staff cruiser [] laid on a 4-day training program for all local cruisers to pass on learning from his own Bangkok training on signals recognition, especially for digital data signals. ROSET finds included a new Kabul TV program on the Soviet 80 East satellite and further PRC domestic radio transmissions on its domestic 103 East satellite.

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E. Technical

Our antenna field renovation continues. Headquarters approved access road construction. This year we will be able to replace 8 rhombic poles or 3 complete rhombic antennas instead of the planned two. By the end of FY-87, 8 of the 14 rhombics will have been renovated.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Part-time secretary [] wife of editor [] resigned from the position 11 February; we have a military spouse in processing to replace her, but will need another secretary when [] leaves this June.

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2. Editor [] returned to Okinawa 5 February with his new bride, [] they were married 31 January.

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3. Administrative officer [] was authorized emergency visitation travel to Virginia 14-23 February.

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IV. VISITORS

To the Bureau:

[] C/FSB/ESG, 8-11 February for engineering support discussions and inspection; Joe Ireland, Camp Zama, 24-27 February for discussion of FBIS developments and bureau orientation; Vietnamese monitor [] 27 February-7 March to pack out his HHE.

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From the Bureau:

Logs officer [] 7-12 February, to logistics conference in Manila; bureau chief, 18-21 February, to U.S. Embassy Tokyo and USFJ Headquarters, Yokota AFB.

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OKINAWA BUREAU ENGINEERING ATTACHMENT

EQUIPMENT RECEIVED : Facsimile Transceiver, S/N 87-02245,
Model NEFAX 23

EQUIPMENT TRANSFERRED : NONE

EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL : NONE

OKINAWA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 948,310
 TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 522,070
 TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 3,237

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	21,930 min.	20,700 min.	175.79 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

CAMBODIA

Phnom Penh SPK in
 English

CHINA

Beijing International Service to East and South Africa in English	570
Beijing International Service to North America in English	1,260
Beijing International Service in Japanese	570
Beijing International Service in Mandarin	---
Beijing to Taiwan in Mandarin	240
Beijing to the USSR in Russian	3,010
Beijing to Vietnam in Vietnamese	610
Beijing Domestic Service in Mandarin	9,910
Beijing Television Service in Mandarin	510
Fuzhou Fujian Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,680
Hangzhou Zhejiang Provincial Service in Mandarin	3,900
Hefei Anhui Provincial Service in Mandarin	6,060
Manchang Jiangxi Provincial Service in Mandarin	7,240
Nanjing Jiangsu Provincial Service in Mandarin	8,560

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Shanghai City Service in Mandarin	6,330		
Beijing XINHUA in English		460,480	
Beijing XINHUA Domestic Service in Chinese		99,880	
Beijing BEIJING REVIEW in English			8,090
Fuzhou FUJIAN RIBAO in Chinese			7,900
Hefei ANHUI RIBAO in Chinese			3,630
Hangzhou ZHEJIANG RIBAO in Chinese			1,260
Nanjing XINHUA RIBAO in Chinese			1,760
Shanghai JIEFANG RIBAO in Chinese			10,970
Shanghai WEN HUI BAO in Chinese			2,770
Miscellaneous Editorial Reports	400		

JAPAN			
Naha Radio NHK in Japanese	720		
Tokyo NHK Television Network in Japanese	2,060		
Tokyo JPS in English		1,350	
Tokyo KYODO in English		116,210	
Tokyo JLI in English		8,200	
Tokyo AKAHATA in Japanese			1,890
Tokyo ASAHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,770
Tokyo ASAHI EVENING NEWS in English			6,890
Tokyo JAPAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL in English			2,520
Tokyo MAINICHI DAILY NEWS in English			4,780

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Tokyo MAINICHI SHIMBUN in Japanese			610
Tokyo NIHON KEIZAI SHIMBUN in Japanese			8,920
Tokyo SANKEI SHIMBUN in Japanese			930
Tokyo THE DAILY YOMIURI in English			7,990
Tokyo THE JAPAN TIMES in English			8,020
Tokyo TOKYO SHIMBUN in Japanese			840
Tokyo YOMIURI SHIMBUN in Japanese			5,120
Naha OKINAWA TIMES in Japanese			---
Naha RYUKYU SHIMPO in Japanese			---
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang KCNA in English		3,710	
LAOS			
Vientiane KPL in English			---
MONGOLIA			
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in English		7,990	
Ulaanbaatar MONTSAME in Russian		3,390	
TAIWAN			
Taipei International Service in English	1,390		
Taipei Domestic Service in Mandarin	780		
Taipei CNA in English		22,800	
Taipei CHINA POST in English			3,180
Taipei CHING CHI JIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei CHUNG YANG JIH PAO in Chinese			---

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Taipei LIEN HO PAO in Chinese			---
Taipei TZU LI WAN PAO in Chinese			610
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow to Japan in Japanese	2,410		
Moscow to Southeast Asia in Mandarin	1,370		
Moscow to China in Mandarin	4,290		
Moscow to Vietnam in Vietnamese	2,560		
Moscow Radio Peace and Progress to China in Mandarin	590		
Moscow Domestic Television Service in Russian	19,950		
VIETNAM			
Hanoi International Service in Mandarin	---		
Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese	---		
Hanoi VNA in English		40,880	
Hanoi VNA in French		---	